

California Recreational Trails Plan Program Goal - Progress as of August 12, 2008	
GOAL FOR ENCOURAGING PUBLIC USE OF TRAILS Encourage public use of and support for trails programs throughout California.	
Action	Progress to Date
1. Work toward developing a common database aimed at identifying trail accessibility and accommodation and, once developed, provide the information to the public. This would aid users in their understanding of the purpose and condition of any particular trail and aid them in deciding which trails best suit their needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The California Recreational Trails Committee (CRTC) "Trail Portal" web site, currently under development, will assist the public with trail use information • California Trail Corridors included in the Recreational Trails Plan are being mapped into a Geographic Information System.
2. Promote volunteer participation in trail stewardship programs and support all stakeholder organizations that promote good trail stewardship, such as Adopt-a-Trail programs, California Trail Days and National Trails Day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue support of California Trail Days hosted and supported by the California Trails & Greenways Foundation • Promote Adopt-a-Trail programs with federal, state and local land managers
3. Support the public information and education efforts of land management agencies and other interested parties by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding agency and non-profits trail-related website content and links • Expanding distribution of publications, especially regional and trail specific maps and guidebooks, to libraries, visitor centers, park entrances, trailheads, travel agencies, etc. • Partnering with other agencies and trail user groups to produce informational materials. • Use broadcast, cable and print media to promote trail information and public use of trails. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CRTC "Trail Portal" web site, currently under development, will assist the public with trail use information • The recently initiated California State Parks (CSP) trail inventory process will assist State Park trail users web based trail information on individual park units • Local and regional trail guide brochures continue to increase in accuracy with the increase of Global Positioning System/Geographic Information System available data • CSP now offers information about 150 hiking trails in state parks on their website. • Coastwalk has information about the coastal trail online at: http://www.californiacoastaltrail.info/cms/pages/main/index.html and in publications • A proliferation of for-profit websites now offer on- and off- road hiking and biking information, including: http://www.everytrail.com/ , http://www.stepwhere.com/, http://maps.google.com/, http://gorp.away.com/gorp/resource/us_trail/trails_main.htm, http://www.bikely.com/listpaths/country/254/region/126/page/2 • The Trail Center in Palo Alto has web resources at: http://www.trailcenter.org/links/links-ca.htm
4. Encourage and support the development and use of trails that are close to home, and promote the use of underutilized trails.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue California Trails & Greenways Conference sessions on urban trail planning • Continue promotion of trail management planning
5. Educate trail users, students, and trail advocates on the potential impact that trails and trail users have on wildlife and on the environment, based on scientific studies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSP is preparing a Trail Manager's Toolbox on the website with relevant information • User websites described under the Trail Research Goal distributes some information

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